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TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

W. LYON.

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To the Commissioners of Police
for the City of Glasgow,

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your consideration the accompanying Certificates of my fitness for the situation of Surgeon to the Police Establishment. If these satisfy you of my ability to perform the requisite duties, I beg the favour of your support, and assure you, that if I am elected, you may reckon on my regularity and attention.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Yours most respectfully,

W. Lyon.

TESTIMONIALS.

From JOHN MACFARLANE, M. D. Author of "Clinical Reports of the Surgical Practice of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary," and Medical Attendant to the Garngad Asylum for the Insane.

Glasgow, 1st April, 1840.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have just received your note intimating that you are a Candidate for the office of Surgeon to the Police Establishment of this City, vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Spittal. I feel astonished that you, as well as some of the other Candidates, should deem it necessary to apply to me, or to any other Medical friend, for a testimonial of your fitness for that situation. I consider that you are so well known to the community of Glasgow as a Medical Practitioner of long standing and extensive experience, and that the public situation of Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, which you now hold, places you in a position beyond which no testimony of mine can possibly advance you, and ought to convince the Commissioners of Police, without the aid of certificates from your friends, that you are in every respect ably qualified to fulfil the important and varied duties of Surgeon to the Establishment over which they preside.

I am,

MY DEAR SIR,

Yours very truly,

JOHN MACFARLANE, M. D.

WILLIAM LYON, Esq.

From W. MACKENZIE, M. D. Oculist to Her Majesty for Scotland, Author of the Work " Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Eye," one of the Surgeons to the Glasgow Eye Infirmary, and Lecturer on the Eye in the University of Glasgow.

No. 68 GEORGE SQUARE,
Glasgow, 28th March, 1840.

I HAVE long had the pleasure of being acquainted with Mr. WM. LYON, Surgeon in Glasgow, and am happy to have this opportunity of bearing testimony to the high respectability of his general and professional character. Mr. LYON is one of the Surgeons to the Royal Infirmary—is highly esteemed by an extensive and respectable circle of patients, and, in my opinion, stands inferior to none of his professional brethren in soundness of judgment, practical skill, or a candid and liberal conduct.

W. MACKENZIE, M. D.

From WM. DAVIDSON, M. D. one of the Physicians to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer on Materia Medica in the Portland Street School of Medicine.

I HAVE known Mr. WM. LYON, Surgeon, very intimately for the last twenty years, and have had the most ample opportunities of ascertaining his qualifications, both Medical and general. His natural talents are of a high order, his practice has been very extensive in almost every department of the profession, and his Medical acquirements are sound, practical, and highly cultivated. He is peculiarly fitted for the office of Surgeon to the Police Establishment; for he is cool, dextrous, and is capable of concentrating his energies so as to act promptly and correctly on an emergency, and has had a wide field of experience in the treatment of accidents and injuries. Besides these qualifications for the office, he possesses the power of relating and writing out a correct account of wounds, injuries, post-mortem appearances, &c. and of drawing sound and accurate conclusions from them.

WM. DAVIDSON, M. D.

Glasgow, 31st March, 1840.

From JOHN COUPER, M. D. *Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow.*

GLASGOW, 133 MOORE PLACE,
1st April, 1840.

HAVING been acquainted with Mr. WILLIAM LYON, Surgeon, London Street, for many years, and having had frequent opportunities of meeting with him in consultation, I can speak with great confidence of his general and professional character. I have always considered him a person of the strictest integrity, as well as of considerable acuteness and energy of character, and very superior professional acquirements. To the fruits of a liberal education and studious habits, he has added the experience acquired during many years of extensive Medical practice. I feel confident therefore that he will execute in a faithful and sufficient manner the duties of any professional office to which he may be appointed.

JOHN COUPER, M. D.

From HARRY RAINY, M. D. *at present Lecturing on Practice of Medicine in the University of Glasgow, and one of the Surgeons to the Glasgow Eye Infirmary.*

I have been acquainted with Mr. WILLIAM LYON for several years, and have met with him occasionally in consultation. I entertain a very high opinion of his talents and of his professional acquirements, and I am persuaded that any Medical duties entrusted to him will be discharged with great zeal and ability.

HARRY RAINY, M. D.

10 MOORE PLACE, 1st April, 1840.

From JOHN BURNS, M. D. *Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow.*

Glasgow, 17th October, 1831.

I HAVE been acquainted with Mr. LYON for a number of years, and have often had occasion to meet him profession-

ally, and have attended Midwifery cases along with him. I therefore know his attention to, and judicious management of, his patients. I consider him as exceedingly well-informed in his profession.

J. BURNS.

From ROBERT COWAN, M. D. *Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow.*

Glasgow, 1st April, 1840.

I HAVE been well acquainted with Dr. WILLIAM LYON for many years, and have had various opportunities of forming an opinion of his professional attainments.

I consider him a well-informed, intelligent, judicious practitioner, of very extensive Medical experience, and one who will discharge with fidelity and ability the duties of any situation to which he may be appointed.

ROBERT COWAN, M. D.

From JAMES WATSON, M. D. *President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.*

I HAVE known Mr. WILLIAM LYON, Surgeon, London Street, for some years, and have occasionally had an opportunity of witnessing his practice. He is, in my opinion, an attentive, judicious and energetic practitioner. I have no doubt of his fitness for any public professional situation.

JAMES WATSON, M. D.

From J. A. LAURIE, M. D. *Lecturer on Surgery in the Andersonian University, and one of the Surgeons to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.*

I HAVE had the pleasure of knowing Mr. LYON for some time—have had several opportunities of meeting him in prac-

tice—of seeing him perform important operations—and for some months past of meeting him almost daily as one of the Surgeons of the Infirmary. From these sources I have been able to form a correct, and I am happy to have this opportunity of saying, a very favourable opinion of his talents and professional acquirements. His experience, intelligence, activity, and firmness of character, appear to me to qualify him in no common degree for the situation of Police Surgeon, for which I understand he is a Candidate.

J. A. LAURIE, M. D.

11 MOORE PLACE, 31st March, 1840.

From WILLIAM WEIR, M. D. Lecturer on the Practice of Physic in the Portland Street School of Medicine, Glasgow, and one of the Physicians to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

120 BUCHANAN STREET,
Glasgow, 4th April, 1840.

I HAVE had the pleasure of being acquainted with Mr. WILLIAM LYON, Surgeon, for many years, and am happy in bearing testimony to his general acquirements, and his skill and success as a Surgeon. I consider Mr. LYON very well informed in his profession. He is zealous, industrious and persevering; and from his long experience as a Medical Practitioner, he has had ample opportunities of acquiring professional knowledge, of which he has availed himself to the utmost. He possesses a vigorous understanding, is prompt and decided in his treatment of disease, and is altogether a most skilful and judicious Surgeon, well qualified for the duties of any situation in which he may be placed.

WILL. WEIR, M. D.

From JOHN PAGAN, M. D. Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence.

I TAKE pleasure in stating that I have known Mr. WILLIAM LYON, Surgeon, for a number of years, and have formed a highly favourable opinion of his professional acquire-

ments. It is almost unnecessary to add, that I consider him in every respect, perfectly qualified to discharge the responsible duties of Surgeon to the Police Establishment of this City.

JOHN PAGAN, M. D.

April 1st, 1840.

From M. S. BUCHANAN, M. D. Lecturer on Anatomy in the Portland Street School of Medicine.

GLASGOW, 31st March, 1840.

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING been most intimately acquainted for upwards of twelve years with Dr. LYON, I have great pleasure in recommending him strongly to succeed my late lamented friend Dr. Spittal in the Establishment under your charge, as Police Surgeon. His talents, industry, and professional experience, qualify him in an eminent degree for this situation.

I am, &c.

M. S. BUCHANAN, M. D.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE.

From THOMAS GRAY, Esq. Surgeon, Glasgow.

I HAVE been intimately acquainted with Mr. WILLIAM LYON, Surgeon, for nearly thirty years: have witnessed his skill in every department of the profession, and am certain, that if appointed to the situation of Surgeon to the Police Establishment, he will discharge the duties with benefit to the public, and credit to himself.

THOS. GRAY, Surgeon.

GLASGOW, *April 2d, 1840.*

From JOHN MACNISH, M. D. Surgeon, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

Buchanan Street, 1st April, 1840.

I HAVE known Dr. LYON intimately for several years, and without enumerating his various professional acquirements, beg to recomment him to the attention of the Magistrates and Commissioners of Police, as well qualified to perform the important duties of Surgeon to that Establishment.

J. MACNISH, M. D.

From GEORGE WATSON, Esq. Surgeon, Miller Street, Glasgow.

I HAVE known Dr. LYON for many years, and from what I have seen of him, I have no hesitation in stating, that, in my opinion, there are few members of the profession so well qualified to fill the situation of Surgeon to the Police Establishment. His talents are of a high order, and his attention to business is most exemplary.

GEORGE WATSON, Surgeon.

Miller Street, 31st March, 1840.

From A. D. ANDERSON, M. D. Senior Physician, Royal Infirmary.

159 ST. VINCENT STREET,

30th March, 1840.

I HAVE known Mr. LYON for many years, and have had frequent professional and other intercourse with him. I have also occasion to know the nature of the duties of the Surgeon to the Glasgow Police Establishment, and it is my conscientious opinion that Mr. LYON is eminently qualified for performing these duties with credit to himself, and satisfaction to the public.

A. D. ANDERSON, M. D.

From JAMES WILSON, M. D. Surgeon, Glasgow.

Miller Street, 1st April, 1840.

I HAVE known Mr. LYON, Surgeon, for many years very intimately, and have attended many cases along with him; and

it gives me pleasure to state that I have always entertained a high opinion of his professional qualifications, and it accords with my knowledge that he has been a very successful practitioner both in country, and since he came to town. From all I know of Mr. LYON it is my decided opinion that he is well qualified for the situation of Police Surgeon, and that he would discharge the duties of it to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

JAMES WILSON, M. D.

From ANDREW BUCHANAN, M. D. *Professor of the Theory of Medicine in the University of Glasgow, and one of the Surgeons to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.*

GLASGOW, 110 ST. VINCENT STREET,
1st April, 1840.

HAVING known Mr. LYON ever since we were at the Grammar School together, I have much pleasure in certifying that I consider him to possess good abilities, and a full acquaintance with the principles and practical duties of his profession. I can have no hesitation in expressing my conviction that he is amply qualified to fill, with advantage to the public, the office of Surgeon to the Police Establishment, now vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Spittal.

ANDREW BUCHANAN, M. D.

From JOHN M'DOWALL, M. D. *Surgeon, Glasgow.*

I HAVE known Mr. LYON, Surgeon, for many years. I always considered him a gentleman of active and industrious habits, and powerful energy of mind; and from the period of years he has been in practice, combined with professional talents of no ordinary description, I am of opinion that he is particularly well qualified for the important and often laborious duties of Medical Officer of Police, for which, (I am informed), he is at present making application.

JOHN M'DOWALL, M. D.

MAXWELL STREET,
Glasgow, 3d April, 1840.

Glasgow, 3d April, 1840.

*To the COMMISSIONERS of the
Glasgow Police Establishment,*

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING learned that Mr. LYON, Surgeon, is a Candidate for the vacant Surgeoncy in the Police Establishment, we, the undersigned Medical Practitioners, have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his fitness for the situation. We have had frequent opportunities of witnessing his extensive knowledge in every department of his profession, and his prompt and judicious manner of treating disease. His mind is highly cultivated with Medical Literature, and well fitted for drawing up reports of the varied cases that must occur connected with the situation. And, if elected, we are confident he will acquit himself with honour to his profession and to those who elected him.

GEORGE BLACK, Surgeon, 246 Gallowgate.
WILLIAM EASTON, Surgeon, No. 10 Green St. Calton.
WILL. YOUNG, M. D. 82 Kirk Street Calton.
JAMES PATERSON, M. D. Stevenson Street.
JAS. CAMPBELL, Surgeon, 6 Struthers Street, Calton.
JAMES KIRK, Surgeon, 405 Gallowgate.
JOHN MACTEAR, Surgeon, 33 Kent Street.
WILLIAM CHRISTIE, Surgeon, 98 Canning Street.
ALEX^R. ROBB, Surgeon, Calton.
WILLIAM HUNTER, Surgeon, 249 Gallowgate.
JOHN LAUDER, Surgeon, 7 New Street.
ROBT. GARROWAY, Surgeon, Bridgeton.
WILLIAM REID, Surgeon, Orr Street, Calton.

*From the late JOHN STIRLING, Esq. at the time, Junior Surgeon to
the Royal Infirmary.*

GLASGOW, 18th October, 1831.

I HAVE been long intimately acquainted with Mr. WM. LYON, Surgeon, now an applicant for the Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's University, vacant by the death of Dr. Armour.

Having been associated with him as a member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society for a number of years, I have possessed ample opportunity of forming an estimate of his general, as well as Medical attainments. He has invariably exhibited a degree of enthusiasm and zeal, which I apprehend can only be possessed by those devotedly attached to the improvement of their profession.

I know that for many years Mr. LYON was placed in a field where he was necessarily engaged to a very great extent, in the practice of Midwifery. Nor was his attention exclusively confined to the treatment of natural and comparatively simple cases, but on the contrary, was frequently directed to the management of the most serious and urgent. From Mr. LYON's decision and firmness, I know no person better qualified for the exercise of the operative department of the science.

But independent of his knowledge of the science, other qualifications are requisite to enable him to communicate the same in an effective manner to others. These he possesses to a very considerable extent. He is a good general scholar, and delivers his sentiments in a clear and distinct manner.

From these statements, it is unnecessary for me to add, that I consider him highly qualified for becoming an instructive and popular teacher of Midwifery, and it is my sincere conviction, that his appointment would confer a real benefit upon the University, while his labours at the same time would reflect a lasting honour upon himself.

JOHN STIRLING.

From the late WILLIAM YOUNG, M. D.

Mr. LYON has been known to me for several years, he has long been in active practice, and as a practical Accoucheur, ranks high amongst those who know him, both in and out of the profession. His attainments generally, I believe to be exceedingly respectable, and I am inclined to suppose he would make an excellent teacher of Midwifery.

WILL. YOUNG, M. D.

Glasgow, 15th October, 1831.

